



## Mock Raids Said To Be Too Realistic

London, June 27. — The first phase of air exercises to test the defences of industrial England against an atom bomb blitz ended on Monday with one major complaint. London residents said they were "too realistic."

Referees and high air officials of three countries were discreet about preliminary results of "Operation Tilt" in which British bombers and fighters, American Superforts and jet fighters and Dutch jet fighters participated.

There were indications from other observers and from the sound of the heavy bomber formations over the metropolitan area that England's capital had been "heavily pounded" in two night attacks.

"Operation Tilt" will continue for another week as fighter and bomber squadrons reinforced at the weekend by reserve air formations of British pilots test plans for protecting England in war.

### SLEEP DISTURBED

Thousands of Britons, their sleep disturbed by low flying warplanes, telephoned the Air Ministry to complain. Many said their children, reminded of the wartime blitz raids, ran screaming from their homes. To these complaints an Air Ministry spokesman had one answer.

"If we are to prepare an adequate defence our practices must be as real as we can make them."  
Observers flying with American B-29 Superforts in the weekend "raids" reported an interesting development at high altitudes. These big bombers developed air speeds of over 400 miles an hour. They reported approaching the speeds of defending interceptors. At altitudes above 35,000 feet they said the thin-winged fighters had great difficulty in manoeuvring to bring the bombers under attack.—Associated Press.

# BRITAIN FACING AN ECONOMIC CRISIS

## Cripps-Harriman Conference

### BANKRUPTCY DANGER

London, June 27.—Britain faces an economic and perhaps political crisis. As newspapers drove home to Britons the sad news that the nation is in danger of going broke, these were Monday's developments.

1. Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer called in the American Aid Ambassador, Mr W. Averell Harriman, for an unscheduled conference.

2. The Stock Market sagged alarmingly in a day of frightened selling.

3. Political experts predicted that the Socialist Government might be forced to go to the people in a general election next autumn.

Britain's gold and dollar reserves are fading fast. Financial quarters said the next figures to be published early in July might be alarming enough to set off a panic. At the same time because her prices are high and buyers are waiting hopefully for the Pound to be devalued, Britain's dollar earnings had fallen off sharply.

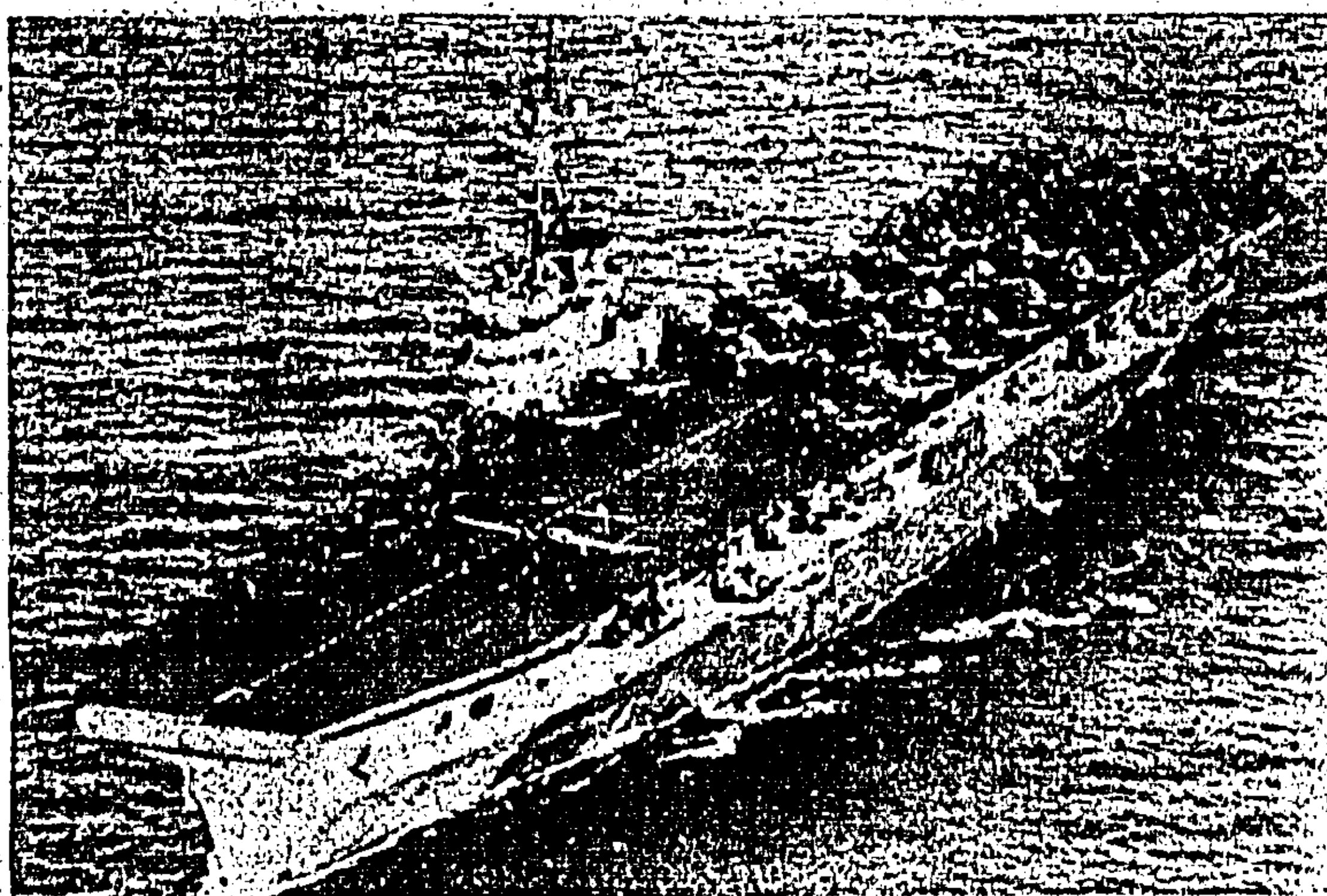
### SPLIT OVER ERP

Against this background, Sir Stafford found himself square in the middle of the worst split in the short history of the European Recovery Programme. The crux of the problem is the adverse balance of trade between various European countries. Belgium, for example, sells Britain more than she buys from her and ends up with a surplus of the Pound Sterling. Belgium, with United States support, wants to alter its payments agreement with Britain under the ERP.

Sir Stafford refused on the grounds that it would be a drain on Britain's meagre dollar supply. Sir Stafford and Mr Harriman discussed the issue for an hour today at the Treasury. Afterward Mr Harriman said he still hoped that there could be some agreement before the issue was thrashed out by Marshall Plan nations in Paris on Wednesday.

### "ECONOMIC DUNKIRK"

Financial experts, however, thought that Sir Stafford would stick to his guns both on the intra-European payments issue and on the devaluation of the pound. The Opposition press warned that Britain faces an "economic Dunkirk." Some Government stocks dropped four and five dollars. The overall losses were in millions. (Continued on Page 5)



The 14,000-ton British aircraft carrier, Triumph, which, it is reported from London, is to come to Hongkong in the Autumn. The Triumph is one of the seven Colossus Class of carriers. Her keel was laid in 1942 and she was completed in 1944. She carries from 39 to 44 aircraft.

## Catholics Win Belgian Elections

### BUT JUST FAIL TO GAIN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

Brussels, June 27.—The official Belgian election results, announced late tonight, showed a victory for the Catholics in both Houses of Parliament.

The Catholics — supporters of exiled King Leopold's return — failed to secure a majority over all the other parties in the Chamber of Deputies, which would be necessary for any action on the Royal question.

The final figures for the Chamber of Deputies were: Catholics 104 seats (a gain of 12), Socialists 66 (a loss of three), Liberals 30 (a gain of 13) and the Communists 12 (a loss of 11).

The final figures for the Senate were: Catholics 64 seats (a gain of three), Socialists 33 (a loss of one), Liberals 14 (a gain of nine) and the Communists five (a loss of six). The election showed a clear swing to the right, and the Catholics are only three short of an absolute majority in the Chamber of Deputies.

The Communists suffered an overwhelming defeat, losing about 50 percent of their seats in both Houses of Parliament and, in the County Councils, which were elected on the same day.

### CABINET RESIGNS

Prince Charles, the Regent, today accepted the resignation of the Prime Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak, two-year old Socialist-Catholic Coalition Cabinet. The Ministers handed in their resignations in accordance with normal Belgian constitutional procedure, under which the Government resigns after a general election, at the moment when the result of the polling may be known.

M. Spaak, the Socialist leader, stated that, in compliance with tradition, the chief of the Christian Democrats, the strongest party—would be called on to form a Government.

Asked whether he would be willing again to combine the posts of Premier and Foreign Minister, he entrusted with the task of forming a new Cabinet, M. Spaak said: "I do not believe this would be a good formula."

### LEOPOLD'S RETURN

An official in close touch with King Leopold (now living near Geneva) said here tonight: "With the Catholics skirting an absolute majority in Parliament and with the support of several Royalist Liberals who make this majority very comfortable indeed, the scrapping of the Parliament Act which is keeping our monarch in exile seems to be a foregone conclusion and is a mere question of time."

The law referred to by the official was passed in July, 1945, soon after King Leopold's release from captivity in Germany.

Declaring that the King would never return to the country before the law is abrogated, the official added: "King Leopold is not a man who would stage a coup d'etat. It is out of the question for the King to abdicate."

## Emergency Powers For NSW Govt.

Sydney, June 27.—The New South Wales Cabinet tonight approved extreme emergency powers to protect life and property during the worst industrial stoppage in Australia's history. The emergency powers will be rushed through the State Parliament tomorrow.

The measure was announced following the strike this morning of 23,000 Communist-led coal miners.

Cabinet Ministers, sitting in a room lit by oil lamps because of the power shortage, approved legislation authorising any premises to be searched and all other action deemed necessary to protect the public.

## London Swelters

London, June 27.—London sweltered today when the temperature rose to 89 degrees — the highest this summer — and Southern England entered its fifth day of official "drought" after being without rain for 15 days.

The remainder of Britain has had no rain since June 12. If there is no rain before tomorrow morning, the Meteorological Office forecast is fine and warm — the whole of Britain will be in a state of "absolute drought."

Thousands of London workers took their sandwich lunches to shady spots near the Thames and to the city's open spaces.

The high day temperatures followed a warm night in which London's midnight temperature was 69 degrees — four degrees above the year's previous highest midnight temperature.—Reuter.

## Historic Murder Sentence

Nairobi, June 27.—For the first time in Kenya's legal history, a non-native woman has been sentenced to death.

After a fortnight's hearing in the Supreme Court of Nairobi, the 22-year-old wife of a Sikh was found guilty of murdering her father-in-law by shooting him.

An appeal is to be lodged.—Reuter.

## EDITORIAL

### Radio For The Forces

ENTERTAINMENT for Hongkong's Services reinforcements will not wholly consist of bun fights, social evenings, dances, discussion groups, cabarets, "pub crawls" and conversation: there is to be considered the extremely important medium of Radio. Especially as the indications are that a substantial proportion of the reinforcements will find themselves landed out in the New Territories from whence it will not be particularly easy to "pop into town," neither is it a part of the Colony boasting social diversifications calculated to keep soldiers amused during their spare time. It therefore seems that Radio Hongkong, and Hongkong Services chiefs, should make a close study of this problem. It is presumed the Hongkong Broadcasting Advisory Committee has not overlooked the necessity of making some special effort, through Radio Hongkong, of relieving the tedium of the non-working hours of British troops shortly to be camped in the New Territories; moreover, the question, not simply of giving them radio programmes, but something which particularly appeals to them. This may involve longer hours of broadcasting, for, not only has it been shown in other parts of the world that the Services have their own likes and dislikes when it comes to radio entertainment, but also they (or some of them each day) have available listening time which belongs not to the civilian population. In its Programme Review on Sunday, Radio Hongkong announced a special "Forces Hour" to be conducted every Sunday henceforth. That is a beginning, but it cannot represent the sum total of possible effort on the part of the Government radio station. The Services, and particularly those of them "stranded" out in the New Territories are entitled to more consideration. Why should they not have Radio Hongkong programmes available to

them at any time of the day? And programmes specially designed for their benefit? The extra transmission hours, it is realised, will cost money, but it is conceivable that a major portion of this extra expenditure could be easily met by the War Office, the Admiralty and the Air Ministry. Nor could Government expect to escape some reasonable share of this additional expense, for, if Radio Hongkong went on full time transmission, obviously quite a few civilian licence holders would enjoy these mid-morning and mid-afternoon programmes. And if this idea be carried out, it is a first principle, that the programmes should be designed for Services listeners—not only Request Hours, "Music While You Work" light variety sessions, Swing, the Classics, and such-like musical programmes, but intervals in which the Services are given tidbits, information and news which hold particular interest for them. The opportunity for Radio Hongkong becoming a valuable entertainment medium for the troops already here and those who are to follow is one that only stupid shortsightedness would ignore. And provision of suitable radio, at times when the Services most need it, would be a gesture on the part of Government which assuredly would be appreciated. We suggest the whole field of radio entertainment for the Forces be carefully explored: that the Broadcasting Advisory Committee and the Services chiefs co-operate to bring this entertainment to the Forces for as many hours a day as possible; that advice, if felt necessary, be obtained from the BBC, Radio Australia and other broadcasting units which have had experience of preparing programmes for the Forces; that, in short, everything be done to offer the Forces here real good radio listening through our local station.

## Belligerent Power Status For Commos

### Recognition Likely

London, June 27.—It was learned today that the British Commonwealth countries may recognise the Chinese Communists as a "belligerent power" as a result of the coastal blockade proclaimed by the Nationalists.

The entire question was understood to be under review not only with the Dominions but with the United States as well. Britain's decision was expected within a few days.

British experts felt that the Nationalists had erred in proclaiming the "closure of ports" over which they no longer had effective control. They said it would harm the British commercial interests in China without bringing the Nationalists any military advantages.

They pointed out that under international law, the proclamation of blockade amounts to an implicit recognition of a state of war and automatically confers a status of belligerency to the opposing side. They said the British acceptance of the blockade would amount to recognising the Communists as a belligerent power.—NOT ANTI-CHINESE

## Social Security Plan For S'hai

Shanghai, June 28.—Sweeping social security plans calling for gradual elimination of pedicab and rickshaw pullers, taxi-dancers and prostitutes are being contemplated by the police authorities here, according to press reports today.

Under the scheme all professions which are "productive or existent by the exploitation of other people's labour will be eradicated, said the Tin Kung Pao.

The first step towards eradication of such professions will be to "give the members basic training which will enable them to make a living by other means. The Bureau was also reported to be considering the prohibition of all-night operation of cabarets and ballrooms. Gambling, "yellow journalism" and publications of an indecent nature will also be strictly forbidden.—Reuter.

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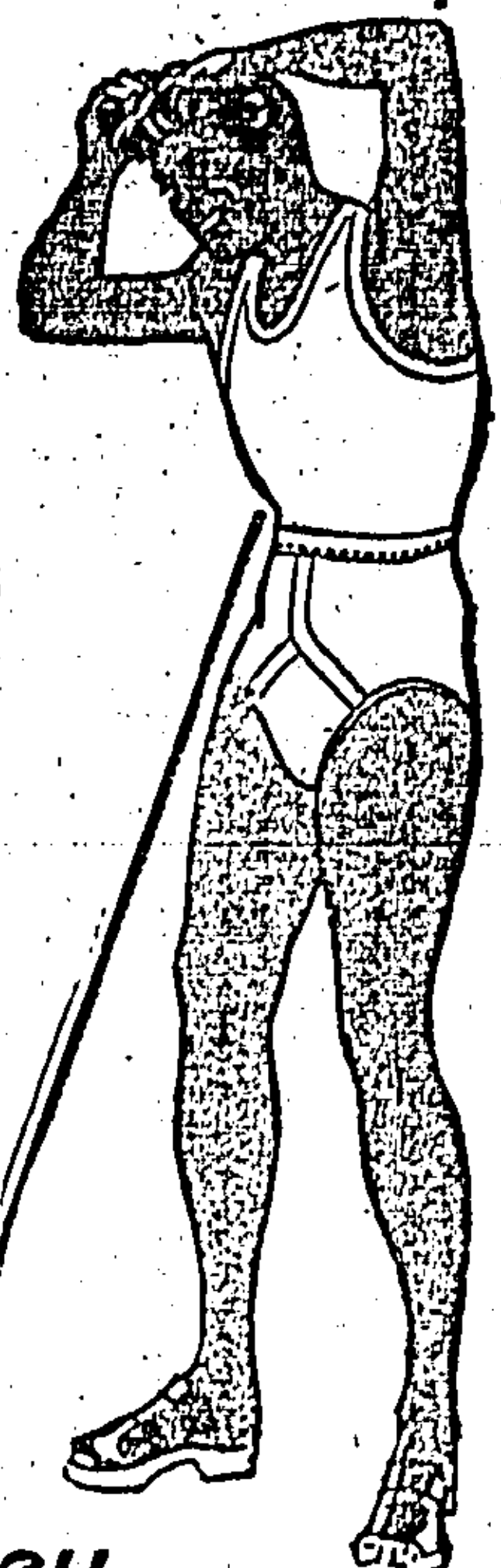
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Romantic  
Revival



By GRACE THORNCLEIFFE

CHIFFON is the big fabric favourite this season. It would seem that everyone of us was just waiting for the long-absent but ever romantic plain or print chiffon after frock. Here it is, in dark gray over a matching taffeta slip, a nice job for a dainty dance dress, so right for summer dining and dancing. The dress has the regular deep-plunging neckline with a rolled collar. The sleeves are cut in one with the bodice and are of elbow length. The skirt is gathered at the waist and a double pouff at the hem makes for swingy animation.

**Men's View  
Of A Dance  
Frock**

"WHEN you buy a dress to dance in, pivot around, be sure you see yourself from all views," advises Mrs Arthur Murray in an interesting feature of the "Dance Book." Mrs Murray says she consulted 74 of the men who teach for the school to find out what these experts on women's evening dresses recommend.

The rear view is what comes in for attention from the stage line, and your evening is determined by the stage approval," she points out.

All the men were for wide skirts that girls can glide gracefully in and that "make their ankles and legs look daintier." Don't get the skirt too long. Try a few quick backward steps before you buy is another tip. Avoid bristly corsets and clips that catch the buttons on your partner's vest, the article continues. And, try to find a fabric that isn't scratchy, that feels good to the touch. For colour, the men liked black best. Runners up were red, blue and white. Surprise was gray, a new favourite.

Other practical hints: Remember that ankle strap shoes are easier than pumps to dance in... be sure your girdle is not too tight and too long... go easy on perfume and make-up that will rub off on your poor partner's dress suit.

Full-skirted, strapless or off-the-shoulder dance dresses were an almost unanimous choice for waiting. "They are wearing" white as the big favourite and many of the dancers chose the hooped underskirt.

Floor length dress were in the majority, but ballerina styles were preferred by several of the dancers. One of the younger twirlers chose a ballerina length white cotton eyelet dress with square, ruffled neckline. These looked pretty showing brightly coloured satin or gold sandals worn with them.

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The "fresh water" pearls, as the Czechs call them, are rare in this part of the world because they need fresh-rushing water with a high oxygen content for full development. Besides the pearls, Czech industry plans to use mother-of-pearl from the shells for buttons and ornaments—United Press.

## WOMANSENSE

### 'Women In The Army'

By R.J. Collins, D.S.O.

THE formation this year of the W.R.A.C. (Women's Royal Army Corps) as a regular and permanent part of Britain's Army Organisation was the logical outcome of the record in the war, of the A.T.S. (Auxiliary Territorial Service) as the Army's Women's Service. The Army had come to realise that it could not do without such a body.

The new Corps—on which the King conferred the title 'Royal' and of which the Queen became Commander-in-Chief carries on traditions of British women warriors from Florence Nightingale onwards who have shown that their sex can play a valuable part in the war. Florence Nightingale first persuaded the British Government during the Crimean War of 1854 to 56, that women could play such a part and she proved it by organising efficient and humane nursing service in military hospitals in that campaign. It was natural that the first formal women's unit should again have to do with nursing. This was formed in 1907 as a small volunteer mounted Corps D'Elite and it was called the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry. Greatly expanded in 1914 it provided ambulance and conveyance throughout the First World War for British, French and Belgium Governments. It continued after the war and in view of its war service in 1927 it was officially recognised as a unit by the Army Council. In 1933 its title was changed to the Women's Transport Service;

later it was incorporated in Auxiliary Territorial Service being made responsible for recruiting and training of motor transport companies of the A.T.S.

There was in addition Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps. This was raised in 1917 and served behind lines in France. It was disbanded in 1919.

#### ATS Formed

The A.T.S. was formed in September, 1938. A year later on the outbreak of the second world war it was embodied with a strength of seventeen thousand women. It was not until early in 1941, however, that the Women's Auxiliaries were actually enrolled as members of the Armed Forces of the Crown. A year later again conscription of women was introduced, those between the ages of twenty and forty-one being liable for service in one of the three Women's Service Corps by this time in being—the Women's Royal Naval Service, the A.T.S. and the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. A.T.C. continued rapidly to expand until in 1943 it reached its peak strength of two hundred and fourteen thousand.

From the outset A.T.S. had a special status in that discipline and well being of its members were supervised by its own women officers. These had the right to direct appeal to higher authorities through A.T.S. channels on all matters affecting welfare of their personnel. In all other respects the organisation and administration

of the Corps was gradually brought into line with that of the Army.

Starting with humble if not humdrum jobs such as cooks, and orderlies, motor drivers, and typists, A.T.C. by its energy and efficiency was soon entrusted with a variety of more complicated and technical employments. It was not long before they had demonstrated in a practical way that there were few tasks that they could not undertake while there were many that they could do better than men. Perhaps the most remarkable development—their concern by even their most ardent advocates—was incorporation of Women Auxiliaries as an integral part of anti-aircraft batteries. As such they became a part of a fighting unit and were often in action and under fire.

It is not too much to say that by the end of the war A.T.S. had firmly established itself as part of the British army popular with all ranks with a morale and esprit de corps of its own, built up on its splendid record for good behaviour, devotion to duty and impeccable discipline.

#### Recieved As WRAC

Although unforeseen many, demand for the establishment of a regular women's corps as a permanent part of the army organisation was but the logical outcome of A.T.S. record of war service. The Army had come to realise that it could not do without such a corps. Ceaseless demand for men in industry and natural postwar falling off of male volunteers for the Army, made this demand more insistent. Accordingly, early in 1949 it was decided to form such a Corps. His Majesty the King conferred on it the title of 'Royal' and Her Majesty the Queen became its Commandant-in-Chief—two signals but well deserved honours. Thus Women's Royal Army Corps came into being. Much discussion naturally took place as to terms of service, establishment, and particularly the type of discipline suited to a Women's Corps in time of peace. Too small an establishment would have entailed attaching small bodies of women to other units and corps; too large a one might have been difficult to all to accommodate and to employ. In the end the maximum strength was fixed at 17 thousand; with enlistment for four years with colours extendable by periods of four years up to twelve in all with a liability for foreign service.

W.R.A.C. Officers receive the King's commission, their selection being made on much the same lines as for men. Pay throughout is at three quarters of the rate for soldiers of equivalent rank with pensions at a two-third rate.

As example of far-reaching value that W.R.A.C. will have in economising in use of manpower in the Army, 23 trades post 23 different types of employment have already been fixed. These range from cooks and orderlies to tailors, dressmakers, signal operators and instrument makers. In anti-aircraft batteries W.R.A.C. personnel will operate all types of instruments but will not be employed on guns themselves.

## TRAVEL SENSE



By ALICE ALDEN

WHEN IT COMES to selecting the right clothes for travelling, consult the girl who is always going places and has to look handsome at all times. Such is the way of things with Rose Stevens, the famous Metropolitan Opera singer who spans many continents during the year to fill engagements. She

posed for us in her favourite travelling suit, a pretty but practical number, of black and white checked, lined with high buttoned neckline and four patch pockets. The over-the-shoulder black leather bag holds many necessary items, and the singer brightens it with a colourful scarf which she arranges as trimming for the bag.

## With Proper Care Diabetics Can Now Live a Normal Life

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M. D.

IT is an encouraging fact that diabetes today can look forward to long life and good health. This is not to say that they can safely neglect their disease. Far from it, for the management of diabetes is a complicated problem but it is one which can be successfully solved by care on the part of the physician, and co-operation on the part of the patient.

Diabetes results when the pancreas fails to secrete enough insulin to enable the body to use sugars properly. The reasons behind this failure are not known, though both overweight and heredity seem to play a part in bringing it on.

#### Main Treatment

The main treatment of this disease is by means of diet together with injections of insulin when required. The object is to keep the amount of sugar in the blood at a normal level and to avoid the reactions which ultimately result in the dread complication of diabetes—such as high blood pressure, hardening of the arteries, and bleeding into the eyes.

Naturally, diet planning for the diabetic is an individual problem and must be worked out carefully for each patient. However, there are certain general considerations which can be used as a guide. The number of calories or heat units included in the diet will be determined by the patient's weight, and in this regard the doctor will always keep in mind that it is better for the diabetic to be somewhat underweight than overweight.

Sugar or sugar-containing foods should be avoided, since when they are used, there is a rise in the amount of sugar in the blood. In children, desserts, or soft drinks may, on occasion, be substituted for some starchy foods in the diet. This is done for psychological reasons.

In the average adult, the daily intake of starchy foods should be about 150 grams, or about 5 ounces. This amount of starchy foods permits one slice of bread for each of four meals, one helping of starchy vegetables, such as potatoes, rice, or macaroni; one glassful of milk; a helping of less starchy vegetables, such as onions, carrots, or beets, and two helpings of fruits, such as oranges and grapefruit.

Protein foods, such as meat, milk and eggs, are of great importance for the diabetic patient. To supply the materials for building tissues and "repairing worn-out ones," it is suggested that meat, fish, or eggs be given at each meal.

#### Amount Of Fat

A certain small amount of fat is also necessary in the diet, and the fats are best furnished by eggs and milk. Fats are not only necessary, in themselves, but also to provide fat-soluble vitamins, such as Vitamins A and D.

It is not difficult to make a diagnosis of diabetes. It causes such symptoms as loss of weight and strength, severe itching of the body, increased appetite and thirst, and the presence of sugar in the urine. Chemical examination to determine the amount of sugar in the blood is important.

Diabetes is not a static disease. The state of the patient may change from month to month and from year to year. Thus, he requires constant checking and supervising if the dangers of the disease are to be avoided and a normal health maintained. The great thing is that with competent medical guidance both these things can be accomplished so that diabetics today can not only live to a ripe old age, but can have a life free of handicaps.

Use Perfumes and Sachets  
For Feeling of Elegance



A cologne compact, that slips easily into your handbag, is a nice way to carry your favourite scent with you during the day without danger of breakage.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WHEN a woman has found a delightful perfume, and uses it with restraint, she has a secret feeling of glamorous fulfillment. It is the final touch which she is logged up for the grand occasion. It makes her rich and elegant and just a bit romantic. She is justified in making a good-sized dent in the beauty budget, and she will if she selects one of the high grade, fashionable aromas. Of course, she doesn't have to. There are delightful toilet waters that are less expensive and she can revel in them to her heart's delight. There are also sachets that get better and better every year.

Suppose you take a look at sachets when next you go beauty shopping. You will find all manner of cute little tricks that you can attach to dress and coat hangers. Get all in the same scent. If you have enough of them in your clothes closet, your entire wardrobe will be impregnated with a forested odour.

Satin pads, filled with sachet, are nice to place in dresser drawers. Slip one in your handkerchief box, another one between your gloves. Tiny ones

can be pinned in your hats or slipped in coat pockets. But do be fussy when making a selection. Find a fragrance that is suggestive of flowers.

For your very best liquid perfume you must have an atomizer. It will conserve the supply. See to it that the stopper is in securely; if it is at all loose, the alcoholic content will evaporate and there will be considerable waste.

For use during the day, a new cologne compact is handy. The fragrance is so concentrated that a mere touch of it here and there is enough. The compact fits easily into your handbag, too.

After your bath and rub down, spray your neck and shoulders. That practice is better than the usual behind-the-ear method. Applied to warm flesh, the precious oils respond, do the work for which they were created, which is to tickle and delight the olfactory organs of the human race.

If you are not fond of old-fashioned flower brands, you will find delicious, breath-taking blends or bouquets that are not too strong, just have a strong appeal.

**Let's Eat**

BY  
IDA BAILEY ALLEN



## Artistic Treatment Of Salad

WE once saw a magnificent array of salad bowls and platters, receiving final garnishes.

"Do you notice," remarked the Chef, "how luxuriant these salads look, and yet they are not difficult to make and the decorations are simple and inside the budget."

"And have you noticed that each one is either moulded into shape, or made into a mound," I said, "then smoothly covered with mayonnaise or cooked salad dressing to make a plain uncluttered background for the garnish. No matter how lovely garnishes are, they do not show unless placed on a plain background. See this bowl of chicken salad? Lettuce and radish roses around the edge. A lovely radish rose on top with its own fresh green leaves around this a border of quartered black olives, and whole black olives and crisp-cress strips of green pepper at the base. Easy to do, inexpensive, and how effective!"

"The Italian salad looked very nice," said the Chef. "It is a mixed green salad tossed with julienne of ham. It has a border at the base of water cress and slices of tomato. And on top it is crowned by a beautiful flower made of half a tomato. The inside has been removed to make a cup and the edge has been cut in little notches. It is filled with chopped hard-cooked egg, and it is topped by a big green olive."

**Salmon Salad**

"The salmon salad has interesting points too," the Chef remarked. "It is very effective, the way they have surrounded it with overlapping slices of lemon edged with small sprigs of water cress."

"And see the top," I remarked. "That charming design is made with just a few green peas. And doesn't that half grape fruit shell at the end look stunning filled with green grapes? But to me the most interesting looking salad here is that mixed cooked vegetable salad made with French dressing. It's heaped in a green, deep straight-sided bowl. No mayonnaise on top, the bright colour of the vegetables are a decoration in themselves."

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**Borsch (Hurry-up Style)**  
Fine-chop enough cooked beets to make 2 c. or use 1 (No. 2) tin beets and the juice. Add 1 tin condensed consommé or bouillon and 1 c. cold water; or use 3 c. boiling water and 3 bouillon cubes. Bring slowly to boiling point. Simmer 3 min.; do not boil. Add 1 tsp. lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste. Serve hot or cold in soup bowls. Garnish each serving with 1 tsp. sour cream and a little minced chive or scallion if desired. Accompany with dark bread and cottage cheese.

**Frankfurter Potato Salad**

Boil or pressure-cook 6 good-sized potatoes. Then peel and slice while warm. Add 1/2 a grated medium-sized onion, 1/4 diced celery, 2 coarsely-chopped hard-cooked eggs, 1/2 c. French dressing and 6 cooked skinless frankfurters, sliced, thin. Blend with mayonnaise or thick cooked salad dressing; pack into a bowl and chill.

Arrange importantly for service on a big platter as follows: Unmould the bowl of salad in the middle of the platter, the way they have surrounded it with overlapping slices of lemon edged with small sprigs of water cress.

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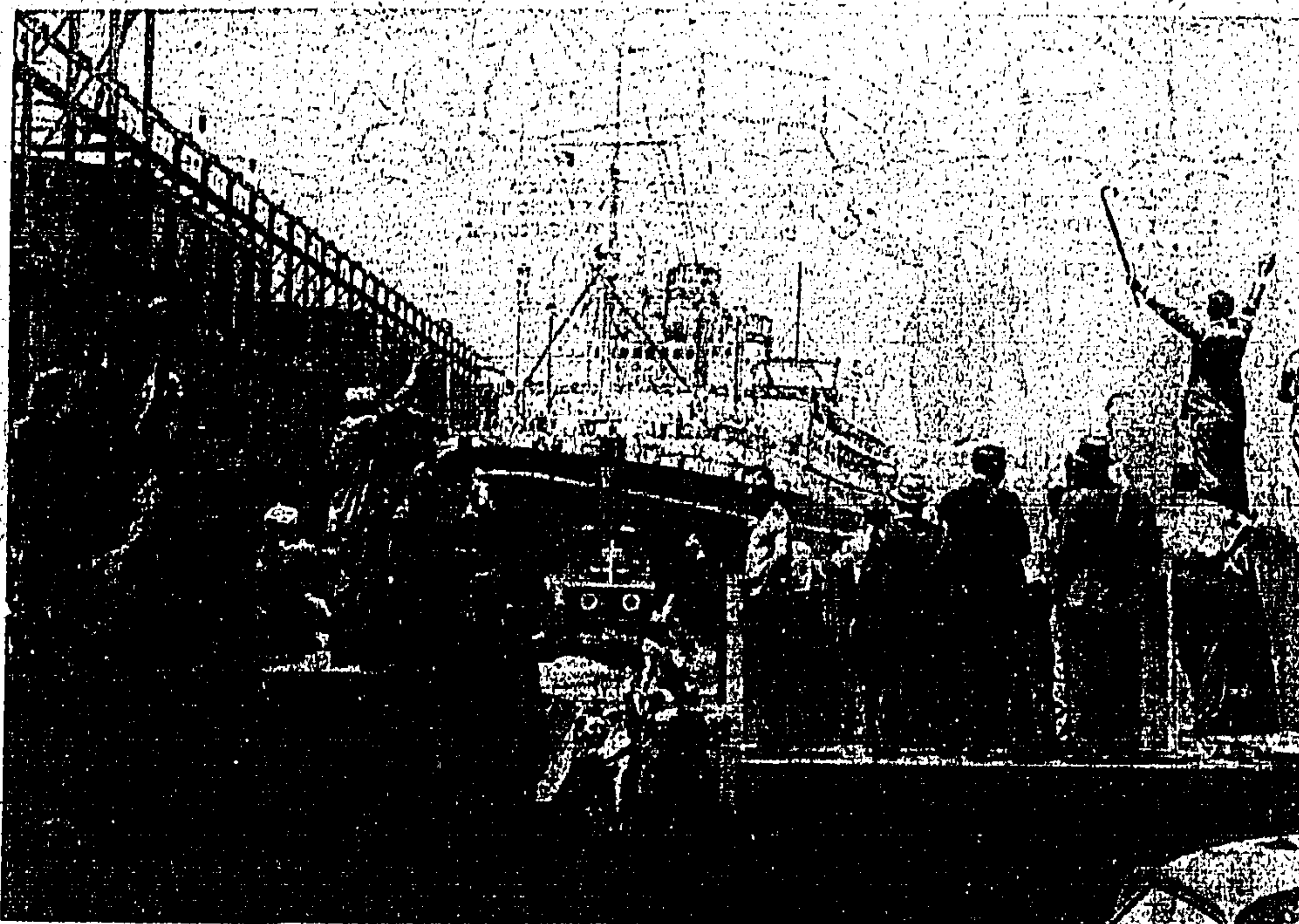
Stuffed whole fish, beautifully decorated cold ham, little smoking pigs, duck and game birds, petits fours, fascinating cookies, a new cheese service, these formed a culinary



# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**HAS NEW HOME**—The maternal instinct of Peppy, a pedigreed dog in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, prompted her to bring this small rabbit home with her. Gary Printup, two, approves of his pet's act.



**IN LIMELIGHT**—The Polish liner Batory, a centre of attraction because of the escape to England of previous stowaway Gerhart Eisler, alleged Communist who jumped bail in the U.S., sails uninterrupted from New Harbour. Onlookers wave good-bye to friends on the trim, gray ship, but none was allowed aboard prior to sailing.



**EXPENSIVE FLAMES**—This fire raged for several hours on the waterfront at Havana, Cuba. It caused an estimated \$2,000,000 in damages as three warehouses were burned to the ground.



**MAY BE THE YOUNGEST**—If President Truman's appointment of a new Postmistress in Crosswicks, New Jersey, is confirmed by the Senate, pretty Barbara Ann Grosskreuz, 22, will be the youngest one in that state.



**COUNTRY LIFE**—Holsteins watering at the trough on the farm of M. L. Klock gain the undivided attention of six-year-old Jimmy Johnson of Chicago. Jimmy was a bit puzzled, and inquired of Farmer Klock just where the "chocolate milk cows" were located on the Hampshire, Illinois, farm.



**HEALTHY**—Because she shows perfect form, in and out of the water, Martha Wright, in New York, was named Swim for Health Girl, Night Club Division, for 1949.



**LIKE A LAUNCHING**—This block of offices, typical of the construction now going on in London, rises like a ship's prow behind steel scaffolding in New Oxford Street. Scenes such as this are a common sight in the bomb-scarred British capital.



**TRADITIONAL**—Under an arch of swords, Ensign Presley Elmer Ellsworth III, of Danbury, Connecticut, descends the stairs of the U.S. Naval Academy Chapel with his pretty bride, the former Joyce Marie Sachs of Baltimore. The Annapolis, Maryland, wedding followed graduation exercises at the Academy.



**KINDERGARTEN COOKS**—Kindergarten pupils of Rocky River, Ohio—Patricia Jindra, Thomas Harman, Judith Ann Zola, and Allen Hansen—are about to serve luncheon to their mothers on their last day of school. The six-year-olds not only prepared the food but also fashioned the chef's hats out of paper.

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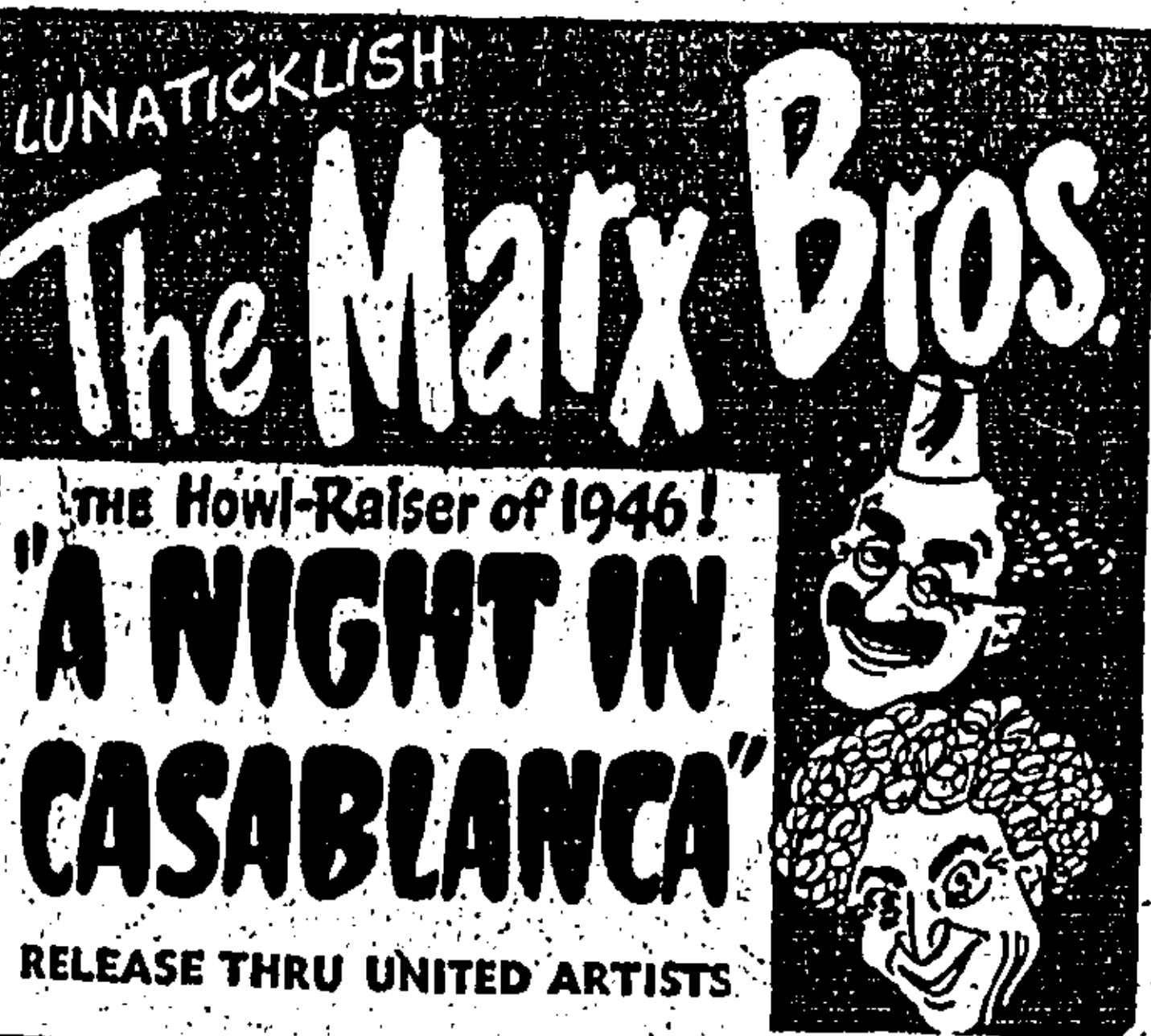
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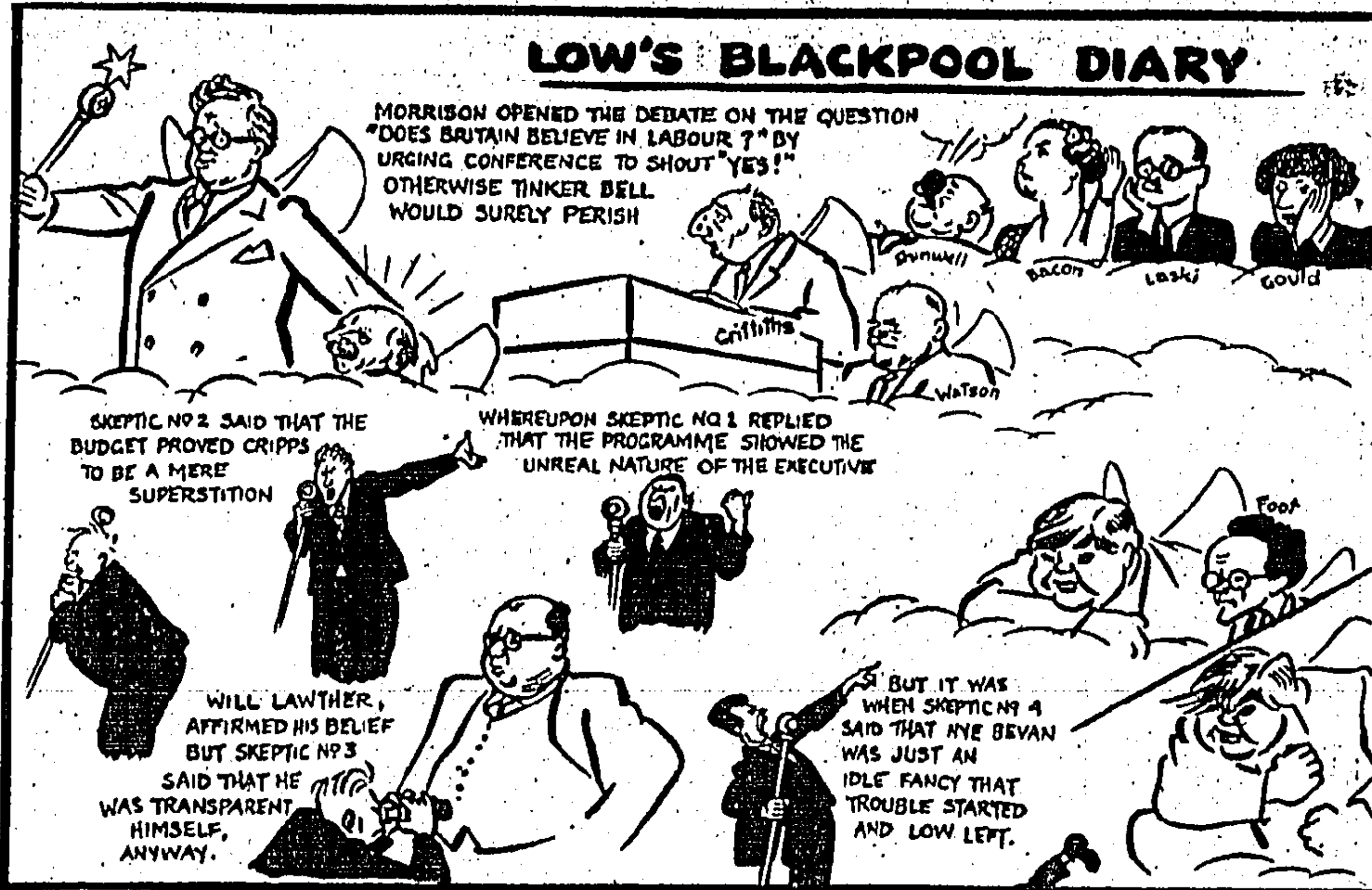
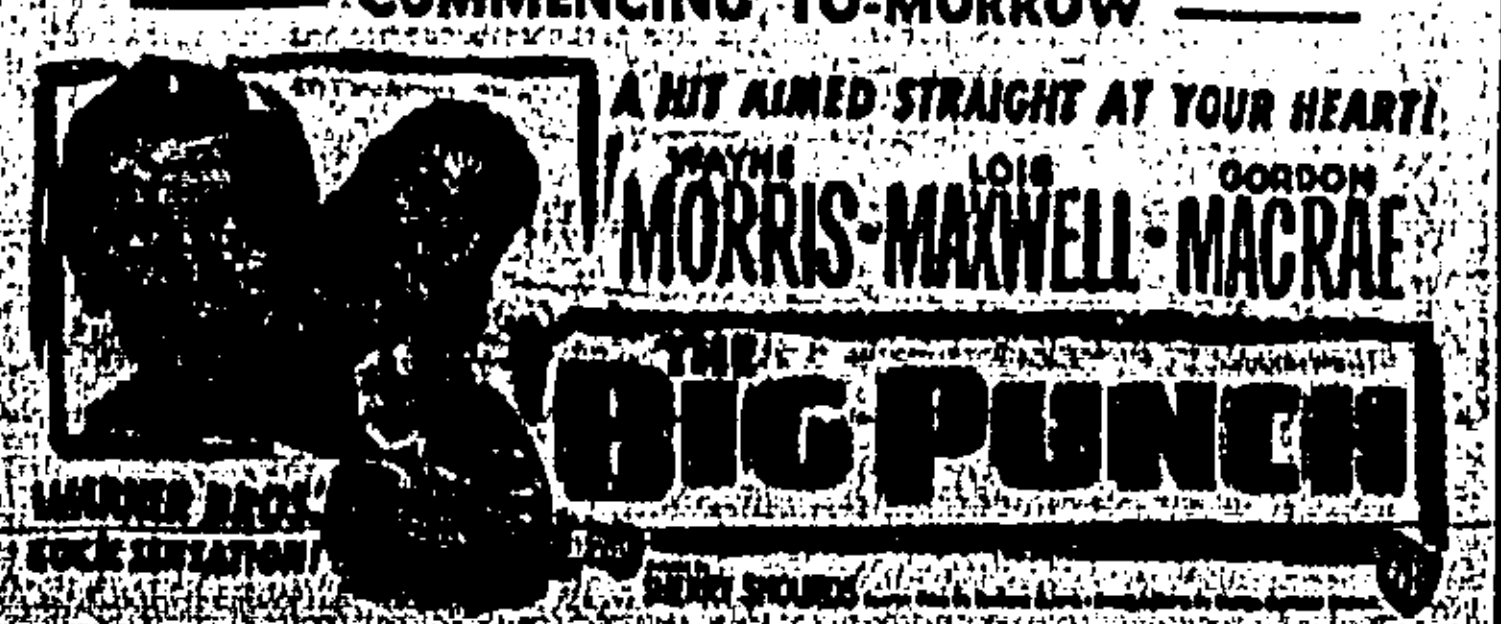
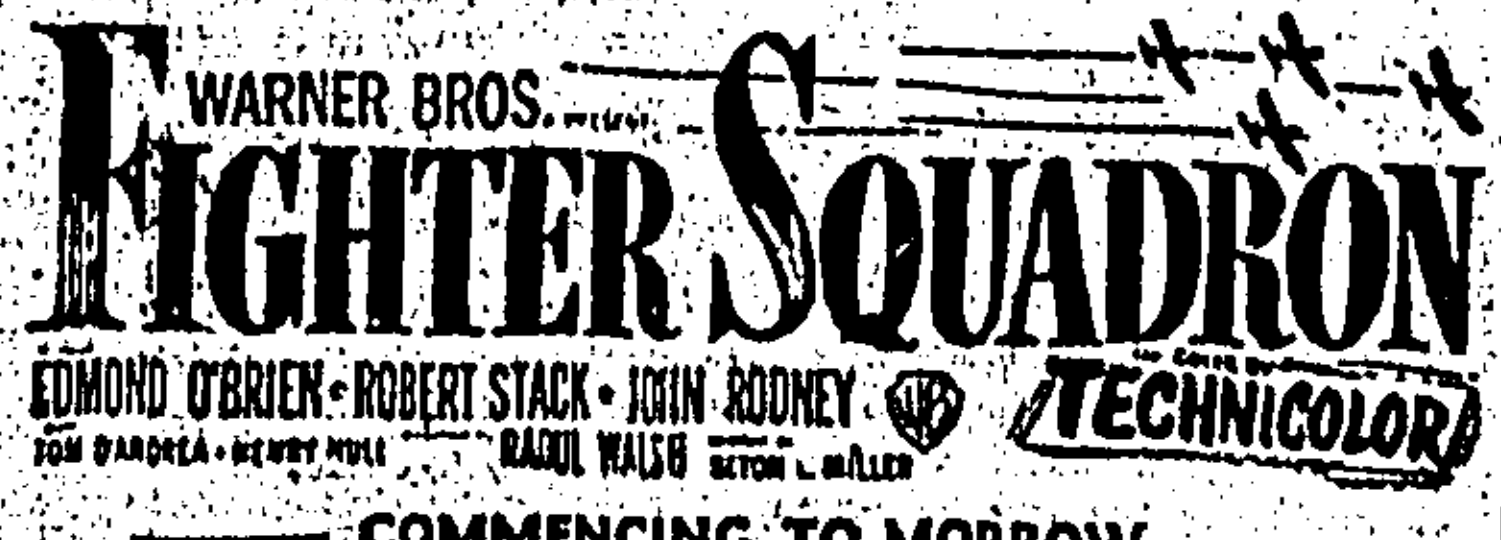


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## A BRITAIN WITHOUT BOMBERS - IS LIKE A LION WITHOUT TEETH

By . . . . . Group-Captain  
**H.S.L. Dundas, DSO, DFC**

WHERE are Britain's bombers? That great fleet of attacking planes which finished off the war in 1945 has melted away to nothing.

Some people say we cannot afford a bomber force. That we must leave bombing to the Americans. Has such a vital decision, in fact, been made?

Many high authorities hold the view that as a main structure for defence and attack in the event of a war Britain needs—

1 A strong air fighter force with which to protect our island and our industries.

2 A strong bomber force with which to strike an enemy where it hurts most—in his vitals. That is the quickest, perhaps the only, way in which to finish off a modern war.

Yet neither Britain nor any of the Commonwealth countries can today put more than a token bomber force into the air.

### Our bow and arrow weapons

WHY CANNOT we afford to build such a force? Because we are spending hundreds of thousands of pounds from our limited money for national defence on weapons which are out of date for modern war as bows and arrows.

Instead of spending money on bombers, we are spending it on a Fleet Air Arm, with fighter bombers, fighter reconnaissance planes, torpedo bombers, aircraft carriers, all the paraphernalia which assumed importance in a naval war fought among the Pacific islands.

Of what imaginable use can they be against a vast land Power?

### The red-hats are out again

WE ARE ALSO spending money on an army of the old pattern. The red-hats and field boots are out again in Europe; once more the blue and red pencils are tracing defence lines across the map of Flanders and Luxembourg.

There is a sector on that historic and beautiful battlefield reserved for British troops. Listen to Field-Marshal Montgomery talking on June 5:—

"The forces of Britain will fight side by side with the forces of France should aggression come. And I want to tell you that I myself will fight with them. And if I have to die fighting in battle, I will die fighting in France."

Spoken like a soldier! But I wonder if he imagines that next time the British remnants who do not die with him will be allowed to stage another Dunkirk?

As part of that old-fashioned Army policy, instead of spending money on bombers we are spending it on a Western Union tactical air force. There is quite a considerable amount of British talent and equipment being expended on that rather nebulous force.

We know how many fighter-bombers, medium-bombers and rocket-firing planes were needed to hold an army in position in the last war. Do we imagine that the few planes which we have of this kind now could give the necessary support to hold a small mixed army against a huge united one, still less to lift it forward?

It would be folly to suggest that there is no longer a role in war for a land army and its attendant air support. But the first weapon for winning a war is now a bomber force, and not a seaborne, land-tied expeditionary force.

### Our great peril in 1940

CONSIDER the part played by bombers in the last war. German bombers smashed the guts out of one country after another, allowing the panzers to sweep in and take over.

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Germany's defeat was inevitable from the moment when our bombing achieved full effect.

Bombing not only destroys the production of war materials; it smashes communications, civil administration, morale; it cuts off an army in the field from central direction, denies it its munition, its food, its fuel, its mail.

In a future war it will be when that point is reached, and not until then, that our land forces will be needed.

### Questions we must face

WHAT THEN are we, as one of the world Powers, doing without a bomber force? I think it is time these questions were faced more frankly than we are facing them today.

Are we justified in leaving bombing to another Power, however friendly?

Could we not with advantage cut our expenditure on other branches of the Services and spend the money on equipping and maintaining an adequate bomber force?

Should we not, while our jet bombers are being developed—and I have no doubt that they will prove to be the best in the world—purchase an adequate number of Superfortresses?

These could, I am sure, be obtained on easy terms.

But, in fact, and terms would be more acceptable than a situation where the British Empire finds itself without a primary weapon of war.

(London Express Service)



## CHAPMAN PINCHER'S COLUMN flies out to meet Messerschmitt

(Flight in the picture above)

MUNICH. T O lanky, lantern-jawed Willy Messerschmitt, side-stepping between the production lines of his fighter-plane factory near Munich, it sounded almost like the good old days. It was this factory which, with the Luftwaffe's help, had made his name the most pulse-quickening word ever to come over an Allied airman's earphones.

And now, after four years' stagnation, it was alive with meaningful, metallic clatter. True, they were not his beloved warplanes that he watched being loaded for despatch. But they were something the Fatherland nevertheless needed desperately—prefabricated houses for the cellar-dwelling citizens of more than 50 bombed towns. And Messerschmitt—I must as I waited in his main office in Munich this morning—is unlikely to see the Fatherland, or himself, in need if drive and ingenuity can help.

I needed only ten minutes to discover that housing Germans is much less important to Messerschmitt than the personal satisfaction of making things in a big way. Furthermore, if he had full choice, those things would still be aeroplanes.

### Americans Unfair

"IT was unfair and unlawful for the Americans to take away my machinery," he said in his soft voice.

"Long before the war ended, I laid plans to make civil planes for carrying perishable goods, like bananas. We badly need these planes for German recovery and the Americans still forbid me to make them."

Messerschmitt is one of those phenomenal men thrown up by the current civilisation who combine inventive ability with extraordinary capacity for big-scale industrial organisation.

Apply termed technicians, they can be the means of bringing the benefits of science to the million as Ford has. Or they can be the mainpring of a total war.

In Nazi days, Messerschmitt had Goering's bulk behind him. But this time he lifted himself into big business by little more than the steps of his down-at-the-heels. With the end of the war, Messerschmitt's 100-million-mark business disappeared overnight. While he was held as a high-level prisoner his factory and laboratories were gutted for reparations.

His future

IRONICALLY, if Messerschmitt had not been so big, he could have been building planes for Britain.

Underlings who worked on his ME163 rocket plane were grabbed for the Westcott rocket station. But when the professor's case came before the Government's screening panel, it was argued that public feeling would be outraged by the employment of such a notorious name.

This view got little support from North Londoners when Messerschmitt was held for questioning in a St. John's Wood flat. In spite of rumours that he was living in luxury there, hounding Hampstead crowds expressed their feelings in nothing more venomous than an odd, bantering, "Good night, Willy."

Messerschmitt missed out because he would have been useful only as boss of a big team. And no team in Britain or the United States would have stomachached his leadership.

There was one obvious alternative—to work for Russia. "I had a really wonderful offer from Russia," he told me. "What is more, the Americans could not have stopped me taking it if I had wanted to go. It is not much more than 100 miles to the Red frontier."

But Willy does not believe that his peculiar ability would live on Communist soil. Buoyed by a firm faith that his Teutonic idea of right must prevail, he said that one day he will be building planes again, he faces at a young-looking 50 what he feels is a bright future in the country where once before from small beginnings he touched the heights.

(London Express Service)

## C.V.R. Thompson Reports The U.S. Scene

NEW YORK.

THIS is how TV has affected the living habits of millions of Americans, now its fans.

Family life: Home is more popular than at any time since the car arrived. But long periods of enforced silence have actually cut down social relationships.

Radio listening: Unaffected in daytime. Almost nil in the evening.

Reading: Book reading down 30 percent in the first six months of ownership, 15 percent thereafter. A little more newspaper reading, a little less magazine reading.

Conversation: Almost disappears in the first six months, but is back to normal after that.

Influence on children: Average children are watching TV for from three to four hours a day, which is a godsend to busy mothers but a doubtful blessing to their physical well-being.

Cinema attendance: Down 15 to 18 percent even after the

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have announced "Candy that is healthy to eat." Sweets will henceforth contain such things as debilitated brewers' yeast, soya protein, and calcium carbonate, so adding tasteless vitamins and proteins to everything from lollypops to chocolate creams.

ONE OF THE NEW hats is decorated with a perfect hand in canasta, the new runway game which is America's latest craze.

PRIVATELY, President Truman is advising Democratic Congressmen to come out now in favour of his national health programme. It will not be passed this year, he says, but it will be campaign dynamite during next year's Congressional elections.

BECAUSE of the present need for dollar-pinching, a book called "How to Live Within Your Income" has become a best-seller. But the publishers of it took its lessons to heart so lightly that they are losing 4d. on every copy they sell.

(London Express Service)

### NANCY

Bound To Be Polite

By Ernie Bushmiller



### 'WHITE KING' TOILET SOAP





# ANGLO-ARGENTINE TRADE PACT SIGNED

## UK To Get £46m Worth Of Meat In First Year

Buenos Aires, June 27.—Britain and Argentina today signed a new trade pact calling for the exchange of Argentine food for British machines, oil and coal valued at £1,000 million both ways over the next five years.

President Peron, addressing observers at the signing, said: "This agreement has not been directed against anyone, but has been concluded to satisfy our mutual needs."

The British Ambassador, Sir John Balfour, who led the British trade delegates through more than 18 weeks of negotiation, said that the pact was an outstanding example of "complementary trade."

The document was signed by Sir John, Dr. Juan Bramuglia, the Argentine Foreign Minister, and four Ministers of the Argentine National Economic Council.

The signing ceremony was held under a large white room at Government House. In his speech, Sir John Balfour expressed regret over the disappearance of the "triangular trade pattern" of London, Buenos Aires and New York.

This was, he said, an inevitable result of the post-war economic turmoil.

The Argentine President said that the pact contained no hidden clauses or meanings, but represented a purely commercial understanding. Observers assumed that he was addressing his remarks to opponents of the pact in Washington when he added: "This agreement is not directed against anyone." The Argentine President said that

the agreement did not represent a "blockade, monopoly or distasteful."

Among the items which Britain will send to Argentina are petroleum and glassware (£3,200,000), and miscellaneous products (£4,800,000).

**FUEL SUPPLIES**

The British Government will also lend all the necessary assistance, "within the limits of the powers they exercise in such matters," to ensure the supply to Argentina in the first year of 1,000,000 tons of crude oil, 3,750,000 tons of fuel oil and 250,000 tons of other petroleum products, to a total value of £2,000,000 from United Kingdom oil-producing companies.

Petroleum product supplies in subsequent years will be agreed mutually.

Total British exports to Argentina in the first year will amount to £121,555,000. Argentina, in the first year, will import passenger cars and spares worth £5,000,000, trucks, buses and other motor vehicles worth £3,200,000, and motor cycles and bicycles, with spares, worth £2,000,000.

In addition to meat, which will be covered in a special five-year contract to be negotiated in London, Britain will purchase from the Argentine during the first year £53,100,000 worth of other goods and foodstuffs, including £20,000,000 of wheat, £10,000,000 of corn, £10,000,000 of linseed oil, £10,000,000 of various raw materials, and £800,000 worth of other goods.

With meat supplies valued at £40,000,000, the total value of British imports from Argentina in the first year will be £129,000,000.

Under the payments clause, Argentina "will permit, without restriction in so far as sterling exchange is available, the remittance of invoices, payments, including profits, pensions and other income."

A revolutio guarantee, to be agreed between the Bank of England and the Argentine Central Bank, will apply to Argentina's credit balances, plus or minus the net forward position during the first year, and existing at the end of that year will be nullified.

A minor Consultative Committee, to be set up in Buenos Aires, will be responsible for keeping under review the application of the agreement's provisions.

### PAYMENTS BALANCE

Both Governments undertake to use their best endeavours to encourage commercial and financial transactions between them in such a manner as to attain, throughout the period of the agreement, a balance of sterling payments at the highest possible level.

In a preamble, they affirmed their "common determination to maintain the bonds of friendship and foster economic relations which traditionally united their peoples."

The pact, replacing the Andes Agreement which expired last March, was concluded after 18 weeks of negotiations. It was to have been signed last Tuesday, but the British Government had to be consulted on a final point on which differences still existed.

An agreement in principle was reached on May 31 after negotiations which, opening on February 22, were often on the verge of breakdown.—Reuter.

## RCAF Drops Ballot Boxes In Labrador

### Canada Goes To The Polls

Montreal, June 27.—The Royal Canadian Air Force today dropped ballot boxes for the air on 12 Labrador communities where bad weather had prevented their delivery before the general election to name the new Canadian Parliament.

A "better than normal" turnout was reported throughout the Dominion. The first arrest in the election was in Montreal, where provincial police arrested a man charged with interfering with another person's right to vote.

Three men were also arrested in the French section of Montreal after Roland Lamare, Progressive candidate, has charged that 400 "wrestlers and ex-convicts" were beating up his supporters to keep them from voting.

Rain kept some voters from the polls in the morning in the maritime provinces, but the skies cleared at noon.

"Perfect weather" was reported in Quebec, where both Liberal and Progressive Conservative Party headquarters reported a heavy vote.

Long lines of voters formed in Toronto before the polls opened, and a record vote was predicted there.—United Press.

## Disturbances In Calcutta

### Inspired By Reds, Say Police

Calcutta, June 27.—One hundred demonstrators who defied Calcutta's ban on processions by trying to march into the Bengal Secretariat, in the heart of the city today, were Communist-inspired, according to police officials.

The demonstrators, who pelted the police with stones and bricks, shouted slogans protesting against police firing on Communist prisoners who had mutilated in Calcutta. The procession was dispersed with tear gas bombs and batons.

An Assistant Police Commissioner and seven policemen were injured in a clash with strikers earlier today at an American-owned factory in North Calcutta where workmen have been striking because some of their demands have not been met by the management.

The factory remained open.—Reuter.

### PLANES COLLIDE

Beirut, June 27.—Four men were killed when two Syrian army planes collided while landing at an airport near Damascus. It was reported on Monday.—Associated Press.

## TASS GETS DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY RULING

London, June 27.—The Court of Appeal ruled today that Tass, the Soviet official news agency, enjoyed immunity as a sovereign State, and could not be sued in a British court.

The Court dismissed an appeal by Mr. Vladimir Kravina, a Czech refugee and professor, from a court order setting aside service of a writ by Mr. Kravina against Tass.

Leave of appeal to the House of Lords was granted. It was stated that a certificate had been given by the former Ambassador in London to the effect that the Tass Agency was an organ of the Soviet State, and on that ground service of the writ had been set aside by Mr. Justice and the decision affirmed by Mr. Justice in the House of Lords.

The Judge's order that the appeal be brought, Lord Justice Cohen said, in the light of the Soviet Ambassador's certificate in this case, the Court was bound to come to the conclusion that the Tass Agency enjoyed all the rights of a juridical person.

Mr. Kravina issued a writ against the Tass Agency last May claiming damages for alleged libel contained in a Tass article headed "Delayed British Troops To Go East" and an injunction to restrain the defendants from further publishing or circulating any similar matter.—Reuter.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Look, Mr. Millar! Won't your wife be tickled when she sees this? She made Page One for knocking the top off a fireplug!"

## Outstanding Rents Paid In Gold Yuan

### DROP IN HK & CANTON ICE COMPANY'S PROFITS

A number of their tenants had taken advantage of the drop in the Gold Yuan and paid their outstanding rents in that currency, which, when converted, showed a considerable deficiency in terms of Hongkong dollars, said the Chairman, Mr. E. R. Hill, at the annual ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., held at Windsor House this morning.

The Chairman, reporting that the net profit for the period under review was considerably less than in the preceding year, also revealed that the Board had still not received an offer of purchase for the Company's building in Shumac and said that until conditions in China had resolved themselves a sale was unlikely.

Proposing the adoption of the accounts, the Chairman said: "Before commencing my report I should like to refer to the loss which our company sustained by the death in July last year of Mr. D. L. Newbigging, CBE. As you know, the late Mr. Newbigging was formerly a director of the company and his wide knowledge of business affairs was always readily available to us. To his family and many friends I would take this opportunity to express our deep sympathy in their loss. The Report & Accounts have been laid before you for the period prescribed by the Articles of Association and following usual custom I will take them as read."

As you will observe from the Profit & Loss Account the net profit for the period under review is considerably less than in the preceding year. While over-all expenses have been reduced by some \$2,000, receipts from the renting of our building in Canton have dropped by approximately \$7,700 to \$15,500.

That position I would state is a result of the depreciated value of the Gold Yuan. I recall that in the latter part of 1948 the Chinese Government instituted Gold Yuan Currency in place of National Dollars. The Gold Yuan did not long maintain its issued value and in a relatively short period it was at a discount with the currency of the Colony. A number of our tenants took advantage of that position and paid outstanding rents in Gold Yuan, which, when converted, showed a considerable deficiency in terms of Hongkong Dollars.

I need only add that we had no course other than to accept these payments, since the currency of the Colony is the reality of the situation. I should mention, however, that since the outstanding rent position has been cleared up we have been able to make more satisfactory arrangements with tenants for the payment of rents, although some small downward revision of these had to be made by reason of an adjustment in the valuation of our ground and buildings in Shumac.

From the Balance Sheet you will notice that the company's cash position is very satisfactory and in that connection I would mention that at a recent meeting of your Board the question of paying some part of the balance of \$98,000 to shareholders was discussed and the Board decided to pay a dividend of \$10,000.

In the Accounts, which I have just mentioned, I have referred to the fact that the company has received an offer of purchase for the building in Shumac and said that until conditions in China had resolved themselves a sale was unlikely.

Reverting to the Accounts, I would mention that the sum I have just mentioned would in effect be a dividend out of capital which the law does not permit.

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## Devastation Of S'hai Suburbs

### Report Issued By Red Committee

Shanghai, June 28.—The Nationalist scorched earth policy caused extensive devastation in four Shanghai suburbs—Tazang (also of the former Nationalist Air Force aerodrome), Chenjia, Kuo-chiao, in Foshan, and Shihong.

This information was given in a report issued today by the Committee for Relief of Suburbs. It said that immense damage was done to Tazang and Shihong, each of which had numerous homes, wiped out, hundreds of houses razed, and acres of farms and produce laid waste.

In Tazang alone 145 homes were destroyed and 20,000 houses burnt. This directly affected over 10,000 inhabitants. In Shihong 40 homes were destroyed by fire.

In all these districts plantations of wheat, beans and vegetable were completely ruined. Hundreds of homeless farmers are today without the minimum resources to rehabilitate themselves or to recover their farm products.

At a meeting of the Relief Committee it was decided to distribute seeds for beans, rice and other farm produce to refugees, and societies and charitable institutions were urged to help in rebuilding farmsteads and supplying farming implements.—Reuter.

### CALL FOR ACTION ON BLOCKADE

Shanghai, June 28.—The British-owned North China Daily News urged the Powers, in an editorial this morning, to place their own interpretation on the so-called Nationalist blockade and act accordingly if the Nationalists do not make clear their action.

"The ordinary man in the street will not side with illegality in this matter and form the opinion that whatever nomenclature is employed, the general idea of the Nationalists is to prevent trade with a liberalistic and yet to have all the benefits for rehabilitation," the newspaper said.

It adds that the Nationalists, by refraining from declaring the blockade, are endeavouring to prevent recognition of the liberationists as a belligerent, and yet to have all the benefits which might accrue from an out-and-out blockade.

"What the Powers can do in the circumstances remains to be seen, but it should not be impossible to put an end to a state of affairs which is neither one thing nor another."—Reuter.

### TRAIN SERVICE

Shanghai, June 28.—Direct train service between Shanghai and Peking is to be resumed on July 1, the independent vernacular Wen Wei Pao reported.

Communication along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway has been disrupted for the past three years.

At present, passengers and cargo still have to cross the Yangtze River by ferry as the railway ferry "Nanking" has not yet been repaired.—Reuter.

### Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Li Kok-yuk, mother of Mr. C. N. Li, Assistant Government Social Welfare Officer, died early this morning in the Queen Mary Hospital after a long illness.

She was 75 years of age. The funeral will take place at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Catholic cemetery.

asked if it were not possible to reduce liabilities by refunding the amount to shareholders at the rate of \$2 per share. He remarked that such a course was quite legal and would be in keeping with the ultimate aim of winding up the Company.

Mr. Loureiro added that they should take heed of the warning in the wall. "He was well aware that the directors were up against a problem which was not only extremely difficult but showed little prospect of improvement. He was not, however, in any way criticising the directors."

"Taking this into account it seems reasonable that capital should be refunded, as you have the funds which are earning a small rate of interest," he concluded.

The Chairman, Mr. Loureiro, said: "We will look into your suggestion. Mr. Loureiro added that he had raised the same question three years ago, and it seemed that his warning was becoming a reality."

Proposed by Mr. B. C. Tavares and seconded by Mr. Andrew Tse, Messrs. E. P. Vasunia and Ho Kom-long were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Before the meeting closed, Mr. Loureiro proposed a vote of thanks to the directors for their work during the past year. Those present were: Mr. E. R. Hill (Chairman), Messrs. E. P. Vasunia, Ho Kom-long, and Mr. Andrew Tse.

Mr. Loureiro, a shareholder, referring to the accounts, pointed out that the company had received an offer of purchase for the building in Shumac and said that until conditions in China had resolved themselves a sale was unlikely.

Reverting to the Accounts, I would mention that the sum I have just mentioned would in effect be a dividend out of capital which the law does not permit.

The matter to which I have just referred is of course linked with our previously stated intention to dispose of the building. I regret that your Board has not received an offer of purchase for the building and until conditions in China have resolved themselves a sale is unlikely.

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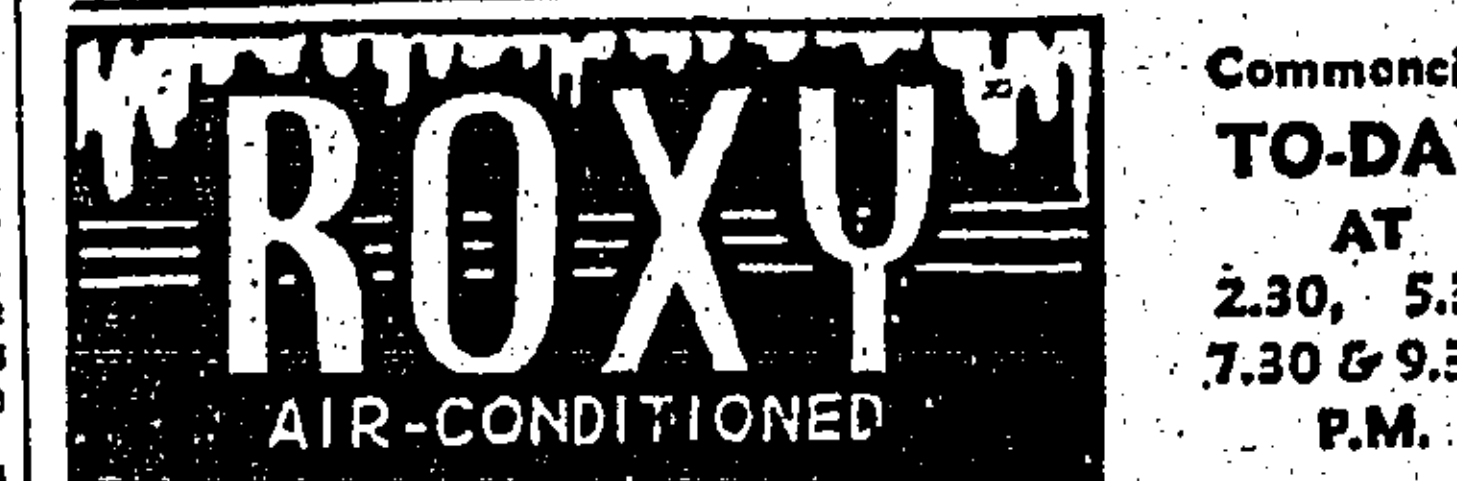


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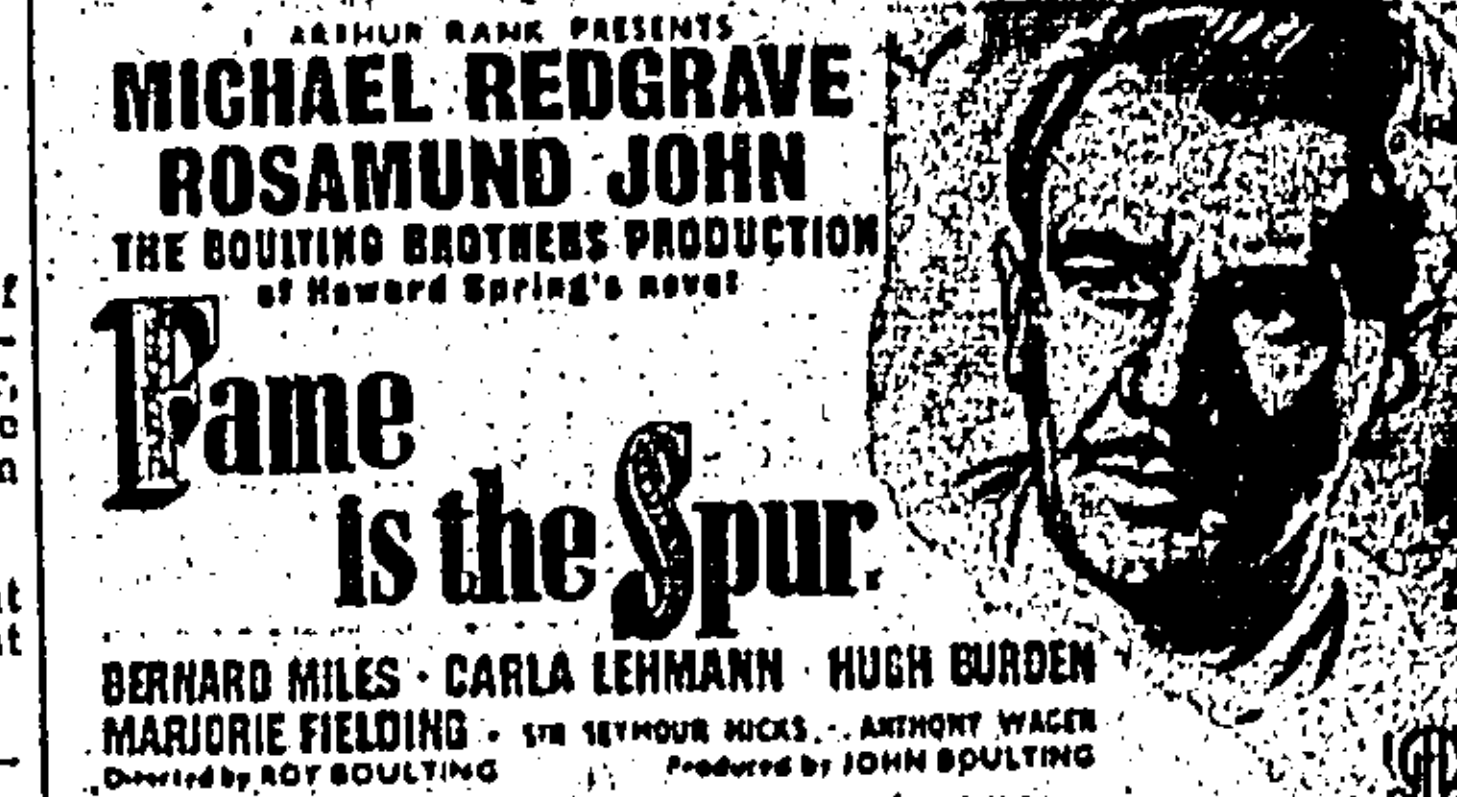
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## BURMA TO GET ARMS

London, June 27.—Mr. Christopher Maynew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons today that arrangements were in hand to supply the Government of Burma with arms and military equipment.

Mr. Leonard Gamman, Conservative, had asked for a statement on the results to date of the informal conference between India and Pakistan, Ceylon and Britain, on assistance to the Government of Burma.

Mr. Maynew replied that the Government of Burma had indicated that they had no desire to increase their financial liability to the United Kingdom. He said that the Government of Burma had indicated that they had no desire to increase their financial liability to the United Kingdom.

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